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have had 18 months to get this thing straightened out. They have not seen fit to do so. Most people that have talked to us are putting the pressure on the Legislature assuming, as usual, that we're the scapegoat in this. Now if I understand all this correctly, payment #1 that has gone out has never been verified, as far as the school districts have been concerned. This is not entirely their fault. It still hasn't been verified. So we do not have, as Legislators putting out public money, demanding that somebody before they get the money justify that expenditure, we do not have that justification. That's the first payment. The first payment hasn't been straightened out yet. The second payment has not been completed and, at least, 144 checks that have been sent out are overpayments. So what we are proposing to do with payment #3, partial or otherwise, is to compound what we have already gotten into and that is the dilemma that we have made two payments. The Legislature has been sincere in putting up the money and those who were suppose to implement this, the Department of Education and the Department of Administrative Services, have not carried out their functions. Now then, Senator Lewis, rather than stand up here and orate, I would like to finally ask this question and this isn't entirely on your back but it is up to a point. It is also on my back. Now how are we going to get payment #1 and payment #2 straightened out, or to put it a different way, how do we get the Department of Education and the Department of Administrative Services to stand up, set up rules and regulations, and get these school districts who are not entirely to blame, but get them to justify the money that they should get. 555 isn't going to do that.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, I would like to respond to that.

PRESIDENT: Now is this charged to Senator Marvel's time or...?

SENATOR LEWIS: No, I will take it on my own time, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR MARVEL: No, no. How much time do I have left, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: 2 1/2 minutes.

SENATOR MARVEL: I will give that to Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: That's decent of you. I appreciate that. Now, Mr. Chairman, let me straighten this out. There are many school districts that are in total compliance with the law. There are many school districts that have their budgets submitted and have had them submitted for over a year. There are many school districts that tooled up at the request of this Legislature for mandated special education. They have the program. They have their budgets in. They have their cost in. The budgets were approved. I mean they are there. Now there are some that did not. There were some overpayments. Most of the overpayments, most of the situations where we have a problem are in smaller school districts and some of them are primarily a Class I district. But how do you think the school district feels that when the Legislature told them that you are going to have a mandated